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SUBJ: REPORTED OFFICIAL CAMPAIGN FOR INCREASED OPIUM
POPPY CULTIVATION IN YUGOSLAVIA

REF BELGRADE 1727, BELGRADE 565

1. BASED ON CONVERSATIONS WITH REUTERS REPORTER, ROY GUTTMAN AND FEDERAL SECRETARIAT LABOR AND SOCIAL POLICY, COUNSELOR TODOR BADAREVSKI, EMBASSY IS ABLE TO CONFIRM THAT REUTERS FIGURE OF 25,000 ACRES (APPROX 6,000 HECTARS) FOR FUTURE OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION SPRANG FULL BLOWN FROM BROW OF DIRECTOR KAVADARCI RESEARCH STATION.

2. EMB NARCOTICS COORDINATOR WHO HAS MET DIRECTOR, REMEMBERS HIM AS AN ENTHUSIASTIC TYPE WHO IS DOING VERY SERIOUS RESEARCH, BUT WHO IS IN NO POSITION TO CONDUCT ANY SORT OF CAMPAIGN TO CARRY OUT HIS IDEAS.

3. BADAREVSKI, WHO HAD NOT SEEN REUTERS STORY, ALMOST APOPLECTIC WHEN TOLD DETAILS BY EMBOFF. BADAREVSKI REPEATED WELL- KNOWN SYSTEM OF YUGOSLAV CONTROL (FROM TOP, NOT FROM BOTTOM) OF
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HECTARAGE DEVOTED TO OPIUM POPPY CULTIVATION. OVERALL CONTROL

FIRMLY HELD BY FED. SECRETARIAT LABOR AND SOCIAL POLICY WHICH ALSO REPORTS YUGOSLAV OPIUM POPPY HECTARAGE TO INTERNATIONAL NARCOTICS CONTROL BOARD AS REQUIRED BY INTERNATIONAL AGREEMENT.

4. TO COUNTER REUTERS FIGURES BADAREVSKI TOLD EMBOFF THAT CURRENT GOY THINKING ENVISIONS A PLANTING OF APPROX 2,000 HECTARSPPORT.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS REPORTED ON BACKGROUND ON ORGANIZERS AND PARTICIPANTS IN BERLIN FESTIVAL OTHER CHANNEL. THERE IS NO MEDIA INTEREST IN FESTIVAL SO FAR AND THERE ARE INDICATION DELEGATION ORGANIZERS MAY BE HAVING TROUBLE DRUMMING UP PARTICIPATION. EMBASSY YOUTH COMMITTEE WILL DISCUSS WHAT FOLLOW-UP ACTIONS ARE NECESSARY SHOULD YOUTH FESTIVAL GROUP ORGANIZERS APPROACH GON FOR SUBSIDY. CHAIRMAN OF EMBASSY YOUTH COMMITTEE IS DCM CHARLES R. TANGUY; EMBASSY YOUTH OFFICER AND EXECUTIVE SECRETARY YOUTH COMMITTEE IS INTERNAL POLITICAL REPORTING OFFICER CHARLES B. SALMON, JR. MIDDENDORF

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